

NSLS-SAC Meeting

October 28, 2005

Attendance: Joel Brock, Tom Ellenberger , Eric Isaacs, Simon Mochrie, James Penner-Hahn (chair), William Thomlinson, Peter Stephens (representing UEC)

Absent: Edward Kramer, Mario Amzel

The committee received an update on the status of NSLS and the results of the latest DOE review. A major problem facing the facility is the large anticipated increase in power costs and its impact on scientific program and facility operation.

The Charter for the SAC was discussed, with the goal of clarifying the role of the SAC. The Charter, together with a summary of each SAC meeting will be posted on the web.

The committee heard about progress in implementing Rapid Access in the PASS system. Rapid access will be first implemented on PX beamlines in 2006. NSLS staff will present specific plans for implementation of Rapid access on other lines at a future SAC meeting.

The SAC discussed and made recommendations on a number of Facility and PRT beamline issues:

- Approved the change of status of several beamlines from PRT beamlines to Facility Beamlines
- Approved the restart of two PRT beamlines
- Raised concerns about: PRTs who have not submitted their MOUs and Agreements; PRTs who restrict the use of critical beamline instrumentation by General Users; PRTs who are planning to cease operation, but have not provided a decommissioning plan.

Changes to the NSLS user access policy were discussed and approved.

Eleven Contributing User proposals were discussed and recommendations were made.

The SAC discussed plans for development of a long-term strategic plan for NSLS, and heard a report of near-term possibilities and challenges.

The SAC heard a summary of the current status of NSLS-II.